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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the non-final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated May 18, 2006 in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respond as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.